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- Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- Terminal Disclaimer with fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.
- X No additional claims fee is required.
- An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2003, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1 to 21 without prejudice to Applicant pursuing these claims in one or more applications that claim the benefit of priority of the subject application.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 46 are pending. The Examiner alleges that the claims are directed to four distinct and independent inventions set forth as Groups I to IV as follows: